THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Delhi Police were constrained to revoke the permission granted to the organizers to hold the Function at Ram Lila Ground, Delhi on 3rd and 4th November, 2001 as the inputs received later led to an apprehension that the event, if held at the said venue, was likely to distrub communal harmony and create a law and order problem.

Tackling of Terrorism

*157. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Hindustan Times dated the 2nd November, 2001, captioned, "How other terrorist affected nation's cope";

(b) whether Government propose to bring forward any suitable legislation to punish those persons who indulge/intend to threaten the integrity, unity and sovereignty of India or try to strike 'terror' using bombs etc.; and

(c) if so, when and wether Government were able to arrive at any agreement with other political parties in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The President has promulgated the Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance, 2001 on 24.10.2001. The various provisions of the Ordinance have been framed after taking into account similar laws in other countries like the UK Terrorism Act, 2000; views received from different State Governments/Union Territory Administrations; experience gained in the implementation of Terrorist And Distruptive Activities (Prevention) Act; etc. The Ordinance has been discussed in the meetings of the Consultative Committee of Ministry of Home Affairs in Parliament on 23.11.2001 and 26.11.2001 specially convened for the purpose. A bill to replace the Ordinance is proposed to be introduced during the current

session of Parliament. It is also proposed to discuss the Ordinance in an all Party meeting before the replacement bill is introduced.

Special Electrification Scheme for SC/ST Colonies and Ambedkar Villages

†*159. SHRI SHYAM LAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special electrification scheme for SC/ST colonies and Ambedkar villages had been in force; if so, the number of villages electrified, so far, and the number of villages to be electrified, State-wise details thereof;

(b) whether the above said scheme has been stopped; if so, since when and the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details of scheme for electrification of the remaining colonies?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) to (c) State Governments are expected to electrify SC/ST colonies either directly under any scheme or under Special Component Plan of the States for SCs and Tribal Sub-Plan for STs.

The Conference of Chief Ministers held on 3rd March, 2001 resolved as follows :

(i) Rural Electrification may be treated as a Basic Minimum Service under the Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojna;

(ii) Rural Electrification may be completed by the end of the 10th Plan *i.e.* by year 2007;

(iii) Full coverage of all households may be targeted for the end of the 11th Plan *i.e.* by year 2012.

PMGY guidelines issued to the State Governments contain provisions for electrificatin of Dalit/Tribal bastis. The States have been advised to formulate proposals for release of funds to cover the following:—

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.